Water oriented accessory structures may be allowed with a land use permit at a reduced shoreline setback with standards listed below, depending on the type of structure. Only **one** water oriented structure is allowed by permit per minimum lot area and width requirement for the dimensional district and on a lot of record, as defined. There shall be **no** water oriented structures within the **Voyageurs National Park**, on **trout streams**, or on **Natural Environment Lakes**.

Boathouse Standards

A **boathouse** may be allowed on **General Development** and **Recreational Development** classified lakes with the following standards:

- 1. Maximum size shall be limited to **400 square feet** in floor area on **lakes less than 5,000 acres** and **520 square feet** in floor area on **lakes greater than 5,000 acres**.
- 2. Shall be limited to **20 feet in width** parallel to the shoreline.
- 3. Maximum **height** shall be **14 feet**.
- 4. **Shoreline setback** shall be no closer than **10 feet**. Shoreline setback shall be **no more than 25 feet**. Unless physical features such as floodplain, bluff or wetlands prevent full conformance, the structure may be placed farther than 25 feet from the shoreline, and shall meet all other boathouse standards.
- 5. A garage type door at least 8 feet wide is required facing the shoreline.
- 6. Shall **not** be used for human habitation.
- 7. Attached decks shall **not** be allowed.
- 8. The **color** of the structure shall be **unobtrusive** earth toned colors.
- 9. Boathouses shall **not** be constructed on **slopes greater than 20%**, unless an engineered erosion control plan is submitted, approved and implemented.

All Other Water Oriented Accessory Structures (WOAS)

All other **WOAS** may be allowed on **General Development** and **Recreational Development** classified lakes with the following standards:

- 1. Maximum size shall be limited to **250 square feet** in floor area.
- 2. Maximum height shall be 12 feet.
- 3. Shoreline setback shall be no closer than 30 feet.
- 4. An attached **deck** is allowed but must meet accessory structure setback requirements, may be no higher than 12 feet, including rails, and is **included in the maximum 250 square foot** floor area.
- 5. Multiple use structures are allowed and must not exceed the 250 square feet in floor area.
- 6. Shall **not** be used for human habitation.
- 7. The **color** of the structure, including any deck, shall be **unobtrusive** earth toned colors.
- 8. The structure shall be **screened** from public waters by natural means.
- 9. Saunas shall meet the requirements of the St. Louis County sewage treatment standards.

Detached decks may be allowed on **General Development** and **Recreational Development** classified lakes with the following standards:

- 1. Maximum size shall be limited to **250 square feet** in floor area.
- 2. Maximum height shall be 12 feet, including rails.
- 3. Shoreline setback shall be no closer than 30 feet.
- 4. The **color** of the structure shall be **unobtrusive** earth toned colors.
- 5. The structure shall be **screened** from public waters by natural means.

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